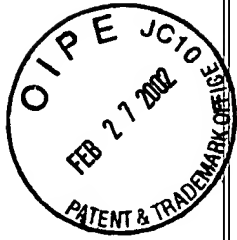


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 17 and 35 with amended claims 17 and 35 set forth below.

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17. (Twice Amended) A detergent and conditioning composition

comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, a washing base and a conditioning system, wherein the conditioning system comprises at least one cationic polymer and at